

VL. Part of a Letter from Mr. Thorſeby, dated Leeds, July 10. 1697. to Dr. Martin Liſter, Fellow of the Colledge of Phyſicians and Royal Society; concerning Two Roman Altars lately found in the North of England: With Notes on the ſame, by Tho Gale, D.D. and F. R. S.

I Have drawn the Figures of Two Roman Altars, which my Correfpondent in the North tranſmitted to me for my Thoughts of them; the former was taken out of the *Roman-wall*, not far from *Collerton*, or *Chollarton**, and may tempt us to believe that the old *Procolitia*, which was the Station of the *Cohors prima Batavorum*, was rather there, which is an important Place, (where the River *Tine* interrupting the courſe of the *Wall* it was but neceſſary that the Foard ſhould be ſecured by making one of the Cohorts keep that Station, and it is but two Miles and a half from *Carrow*, (where the Altar now is in the Poſſeſſion of Mr. *Forſter*) than at *Pruddow*, which is at leaſt Ten Miles diſtance where Mr. *Camden* ſeem'd to fancy it. The other is at *Blenkinsop* † *Caſtle* in *Northumberland*, which I take to have been dedicated by *Lucius Annius* to the Goddeſs Nymphs Old and Young, and particularly to the *Debonair* (if *Urbana* be taken appella-tively) *Manſueta Claudia*; for thus I read it, *DEABVS*

* Prope Colerton Cilurnum. Notitia Dignitatum imperii, eſt tamen Procolitia alius locus a Cilurno.

† Prope Blenkenſhop & Widen, Vettii. Circa hæc loca fontes. Utrumque Nomen hoc indicat.

NYMPHIS Veteribus ET IV ioribus MANSVETAE CLAVDIAE VRBane, nuncupavit Hoc Lucius A IVS; and hereby the Defects in the Stone seem to be supplied with a right Number of Letters in each Vacuity, and this I the rather apprehend to be right, because 'tis now a Year since I communicated the same to an ingenious Gentleman, Dr. Cay of *New-Castle* (who was the Person that courteously sent me the Copies of both) and I hear not it is disapproved by any Critick upon the Place.

VII. Of the Manner of the Generation of Eels. By Mr. Benjamin Allen.

THE Manner of the Generation of Eels, as familiar a Subject as it is, has been a Question unresolv'd ever since *Aristotle*, and reputed Spontaneous: And the Reason of the Difficulty of discovering it, is the different way of Generation, and that they breed in *February*, a time when few are taken but what are preserved in Trunks or Ponds, where they breed not. This I examin'd Two Years since, in some taken at a Mill, in which Holes they breed, especially near Gravelly Shallows, and found one with Egg, another with Six young ones in the great Intestine, which I call the Strait Bow-el, that descends immediately from the Pylorus until the Winding begins; they were fastned to a very small Placenta each, which was fixt to the Intestine, the Mesentericks at that time were very turgid: The Eggs were on the Outside of the Intestine. It is certainly Viviparous, and feeds not, at least Gross, in the Winter, during all which they lye still till they have discharg'd their Young.

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